



A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative

**“Taking Care of Our Member-Owners”**

# Member Information Bulletin

December 2021

Happy Holidays

Merry Christmas

& Happy New Year!



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## Energy-Saving Tips for the Holiday Season

Are you looking to save money this holiday season? Here are a few energy-saving tips!

- ▶ **Deck the halls with LED lights.** LEDs are more efficient than incandescent bulbs. 800670767
- ▶ **Lower the thermostat.** Your home’s temperature increases when you are cooking or have friends and family over.
- ▶ **Close the damper.** Close the fireplace damper when a fire isn’t burning to keep the cold air outside. 800628251
- ▶ **Install a smart thermostat.** Ask Santa for a smart thermostat that allows you to adjust the temperature when you are away from home.
- ▶ **Purchase Energy Star electronics.** Give the gift of energy-savings by purchasing electronics with the Energy Star logo. 800821287



- ▶ **Let the sun shine.** Open blinds and curtains during the day to let natural sunlight warm your home.
- ▶ **Use the light.** Rather than opening the oven door to check the dish’s progress, use the light!

## Youth Tour is BACK!!!

We are sending six high school sophomores and juniors on a 10-day, all-expenses-paid trip to Austin and Washington, DC! Winners will also receive **\$2,000 scholarships** for college or trade school. 800902683

**Application Deadline**  
5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 21, 2022



Scan me to apply!

Learn more and apply at [tcectexas.com/youth-tour](https://tcectexas.com/youth-tour)



# Cranberry Jalapeno Dip

Elizabeth Feilen of Fort Worth

- 12 oz fresh, uncooked cranberries
- 1/4 cup green onion, chopped
- 1-2 fresh jalapeno peppers
- 2 Tbsp cilantro (optional)
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 Tbsp lemon juice
- 1/8 tsp salt
- 16 oz cream cheese, softened



Use hand food chopper to chop cranberries. Chop green onion, jalapeno peppers, and cilantro. Place chopped cranberries, jalapenos, green onion, and cilantro in a medium bowl. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate for a few hours to overnight.

Take cranberry mixture out of the refrigerator and stir remaining ingredients together except cream cheese.

Whip softened cream cheese with hand mixer until smooth, about 2 minutes. Spread cream cheese over bottom of 9 x 9 dish or pie plate.

Pour cranberry mixture on top of cream cheese and keep refrigerated until ready to serve.

Serve as a dip with crackers, veggies, or tortilla chips.

Enjoy!



## Wired in History

At a Dec. 7 meeting at the First Methodist Church in Springtown, approximately 55 people heard several speakers who explained the REA, its importance and "the benefits of electricity to the rural people." Ag teacher Kenton Bradshaw and home economics teacher Lois Young of Springtown High School also made short talks, and several people signed up for co-op power and paid their \$5 deposits.

*From the Tri-County Electric Co-op minutes, December 7, 1938*

## It Pays to Stay Informed!

Find your account number in our Member Information Bulletin or the *Texas Co-op Power* and you will receive a \$20 credit on your electric bill! **Simply contact our Member Services team at 817-444-3201 to claim your credit.**

## Share your Favorite Recipe!

**Please submit your favorite recipe and this form to the Communications Department.**

The recipe submission is a free and voluntary service provided by Tri-County Electric Cooperative. As we have more than 98,300 member-owners, we may receive high volumes of submissions. Recipes must be submitted before the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month to be considered for the next Member Bulletin or issue of the *Texas Co-op Power* (i.e., December 20th for the March issue). We reserve the right to refuse any recipe. Please submit recipes through the postal service or email and not on the back of your payment stub. These stubs are processed automatically because we receive hundreds daily.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Town: \_\_\_\_\_

Recipe Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: Please include the above information with your recipe and send to [pr@tcectexas.com](mailto:pr@tcectexas.com)

Online:  
[tcectexas.com/recipe-submission](http://tcectexas.com/recipe-submission)

Postal service: Please detach and submit this form with your recipe and mail to

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